

REMARKS

Applicants note the filing of Information Disclosure Statements herein on October 12, 1999 and July 28, 2000 and note that no copies of the PTO-1449's were returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the information cited in the PTO-1449's be made of record herein.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claim 4 should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings. The amendments to claim 4 are made to correct errors in the text and to more clearly and concisely set forth that which Applicants believe to be their invention and not for purposes of altering the scope of the claims. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments prior to examination of the claims on the merits.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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